As a user of National Forest system lands, you have a significant responsibility for your personal safety during any activity you might pursue.

The Forest Service does install signs and other information devices at various locations where site conditions warrant.

However, the size of the National Forest and the variety of natural and man-made conditions limits placement of signs and other specific warnings and necessitates the use of more general education efforts on inherent dangers.

Hazards are not limited to, but include; changing weather conditions, snow, avalanches, landslides, caves, overlooks, falling trees or limbs, high or rushing water, contaminated water, wild animals, becoming lost or disoriented, overexertion, hypothermia, mining remnants, excavations, tunnels or shafts, decaying structures, a wide variety of equipment, rapidly changing road or trail conditions. You may also be exposed to unreasonable acts of other people.

The Forest Service does not manage or control all of these occurrences.

It is your responsibility to know the hazards involved in your activities and to use the proper safety procedures and equipment to minimize the inherent risks and hazards related to your activity.

WINTER SAFETY

- Check weather forecasts.
- Avoid skiing alone.
- Avoid hypothermia.
- > Dress in layers.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Be aware of avalanche areas.

TRAIL COURTESY

- Control your pet.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Pack out all litter and trash.
- Allow faster skiers to pass.

Trails in mountainous terrain, whether groomed or not, present the potential for innumerable **hazards**. Be alert and prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions, visibility, and snow surface conditions. These may affect and alter the level of risk or hazard to the skier.

PLAY NICE

The wide range of **users** that may be encountered on the trails include skiers, snowshoers, walkers, pets and snowmobile trail groomers.

The Forest Service grooms a portion of the trails weekly, but frequency may depend on weather conditions and equipment.

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